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In re Patent Application of:
Tadaaki Yabubayashi et al.

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING BIOCHEMICAL
REACTANT BIOCHIP

Examiner: S. C. Pohnert

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 5, 2006 (Paper No. 20060830), Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I: claims 1-14 for continued examination, with traverse.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I: Claims 1-14, drawn to a method of detecting a nucleic acid, classified in class 435, subclass 6; or

Group II: Claims 15-22, drawn to a biochip product, classified in class 435, subclass 283.1.

In response Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-14 drawn to a method of detecting a nucleic acid, with traverse.

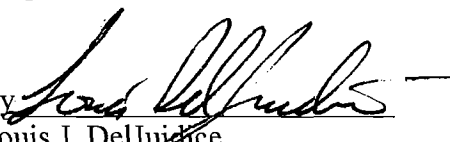
CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

An early examination is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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